

MINE WAR SUBSIDES AS TROOPS ARRIVE

Fire In Coal Bins Causes \$35,000 Loss

SPECTACULAR BLAZE BURNS NIGHT LONG

Rock Island Lumber Co. New "Pocket" Swept by Flames.

SMOULDERING RUINS OF ALL-NIGHT FIRE IN COAL POCKET



At 9 o'clock this morning fire, which started 14 hours earlier in the newly erected coal pocket in the Rock Island Lumber Co. yards, was still smoldering. Six streams of water played on all parts of the 124-foot crib throughout the night to extinguish the blaze and prevent its spread to other buildings containing hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of lumber.

Fire in coal "pocket" in the Rock Island Lumber and Manufacturing company yards last night destroyed big structures and swept through 1,200 tons of coal stored there. The blaze, which was discovered about 7:30 was still burning 12 hours later, and during the early hours of the evening furnished the city with the most spectacular fire in months. A half dozen lines of hose were played on all parts of the 124-foot long crib until midnight and for hours afterward never less than three streams of water were thrown into the huge coal stores.

Officials of the company this morning said their loss would be between \$35,000 and \$40,000. They based this estimate upon a 75 to 90 per cent loss of the structure, completed seven months ago at a cost of \$40,000, and loss to coal supplies. The fire reached parts of each of the 11 coal bins which were included in the two "pockets."

The company ascribes the fire to sparks from a passing engine. They supported this by a declaration that throughout the day coal had been passing through the bins in which the blaze started, and that a fire examination in mid-afternoon revealed no indication of spontaneous combustion.

The fire started in bins in the extreme north end of the "pocket." It shot quickly to the roof, where it was seen, and then swept across the top of the whole structure, eating fiercely through the heavy layers of coal, burned down the wooden sides of the structure, burrowed into the coal piles and stubbornly resisted every effort to quench them.

All Stocks Damaged. The bins, it was said, held 25 carloads of coal, and all of it has been damaged either from fire or water and heat. Unloading chutes in the bottom were not opened until the fire was well under control and then directed at salvaging the stock.

Four fire companies fought through the night to extinguish the conflagration and prevent its spread to the valuable stocks of lumber in immediate vicinity of the coal bins. They battled the fire against the adjoining buildings and prevented their destruction. Lack of any breeze and particularly an east or southeast wind as on the previous night would have meant probable destruction of the whole yards and repetition of the 1908 fire.

Fire Chief August Schmidt was on a Fourth street car in the vicinity of the lumber company when the flames first burst forth. The chief took immediate command of the situation, which was made difficult to handle on account of hundreds of automobiles blocking the oncoming fire trucks.

It is estimated that not less than 200 people from the tri-city community, attracted by the spectacular blaze, were soon on the scene, and automobiles lined up on the streets for blocks in every direction.

Due to the congestion and carelessness of motorists one accident occurred and a fireman narrowly escaped death before the work of making fire line connections was completed.

The fire truck from the No. 2 station stopped on Fourth avenue, heading west. An automobile backed up into it, breaking the bumper on the truck and bending the fenders.

Fireman Near Death. Daniel Doyle, pipeman with the central station pump company, narrowly escaped serious injury or death in the path of a speeding auto.

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CHARGE TEUTON BUTCHER WITH CANNIBALISM

Berlin, Sept. 3.—The police have arrested A. Grossmann, a butcher, charged with being a murderer and a cannibal. Some of the most gruesome murders in German criminal records are being fastened upon Grossmann as the result of the preliminary police examination. Evidence has been accumulated that Grossmann outraged, murdered and mutilated the bodies of at least six girls and women. Police believe many more murders will be discovered.

INSTRUCTOR IS CHARGED WITH DEATH OF BOY

Is Accused of Urging Other Lads to Beat Orville Vardeman.

Chicago, Sept. 3.—(United Press.)—Investigation of conduct of the Parental school, an institution for truant children here, was under way today, following charges that one boy inmate was beaten to death by other boys at urgings from school officials.

Charles De Boer, instructor, was to be arrested on charges of being an accessory to manslaughter. Fred Smith, superintendent of the school, faces the same charge. Witnesses told Municipal Judge Robert E. Gentzel that when Orville Vardeman, 14, ran away from the school and hid in a tree, De Boer threw a brick at him and told him to come down. The boy dropped from the tree.

David Donahue, a truck driver who was nearby, told the judge of what was alleged to have followed. "Orville went into the cottage," he said, "there were loud screams. One of the bigger boys who came out later told me De Boer threw the boy on the floor and then told the other boys, 'Here is the boy who wanted to run away, boys; go to him.'"

"Go to it—kill him!"

"He told me about twenty other boys, rushed at Orville and beat him," he said. "There were loud screams. Robert Gavin, the boy who talked to Donahue, was questioned. 'Go to it, boys,' he tried to kill himself, so kill him," Gavin quoted De Boer as saying in urging the other boys to beat the little fellow. "De Boer told the boys they didn't know how to hit hard enough."

Orville died that night of a fractured skull. His jaw was broken and he had other bruises on his head and body.

LABOR PARADOX IN KANSAS.

Wichita, Kan., Sept. 3.—Farmers and labor bureaus today faced a labor paradox. With hundreds of unemployed in Kansas and trains bringing more from other sections, even though high wages and shorter hours are offered, according to C. E. Hall of the state bureau.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather with probably showers tonight and Sunday. Not much change in temperature. Highest temperature yesterday, 85; lowest last night, 72. Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 2 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none.	12 m.	7 p.m.	7 a.m.
yesterday	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wet bulb temp.	70	80	83
Wet bulb temp.	73	74	72
Relative humid.	72	75	95
River stage at 7 a. m., 1.3; a fall of .1 last 24 hours.			

River Forecast.

The Mississippi river from below Dubuque to Muscatine will rise slowly during the next two or three days.

ANDREW HAMRICK, Meteorologist.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday, include: Region of the Great Lakes: Generally fair but with a probability of showers Wednesday or Thursday; warm at the beginning of the week, and cooler thereafter. Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Generally fair with temperature near or somewhat below normal.

FILIPINOS THREATEN UPRISING

Natives of Moro District Charge "Bloodthirsty Rule" Enforced.

Manila, Sept. 3.—(United Press.)—Letters reaching missionary headquarters here today reported the natives in the provinces of Moro, Lanao, Cotabato and Jolo are arming and threatening an uprising.

The letters said the natives claimed they are unable to secure justice from the existing authorities and charged that constabulary officers acting as ex-officio justices were enforcing "blood thirsty rule."

General Leonard S. Wood today was preparing his preliminary report on the Philippine situation which will be sent to the secretary of war. It was predicted that he will recommend important changes affecting affairs in the Moro district.

Washington, Sept. 3.—(United Press.)—Major General Leonard Wood today notified Secretary of War Weeks that he is willing to accept the governor-generalship of the Philippines and go on the record as saying in urging the government has not yet formally tendered the post to Wood, but it is understood that this will be done soon.

SCORE INJURED IN RAIL WRECK

Spreading Rails Cause Ditching of Pennsylvania Train—None Will Die.

Coshocton, Ohio, Sept. 3.—(United Press.)—More than a score of persons were injured, some seriously, when Pennsylvania passenger train number 34, eastbound from Chicago, was wrecked near here early today.

The injured were brought to a hospital here. None will die, it was reported. Six coaches left the tracks. Spreading rails were blamed.

TENEMENT FIRE TAKES 5 LIVES

Two Severely Injured, Eight Families Homeless—Believed Work of Fire Bug.

New York, Sept. 3.—(United Press.)—Five persons perished, probably victims of a fire bug, when oil fed flames swept through a First avenue tenement building early today. Two others were severely injured and members of eight families narrowly escaped with their lives.

Evidence found by the fire fighters and police proved, they said, that the fire was incendiary. The dead are: Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Calalano, their son and daughter, and Bernard LeLuca, 55.

RECOGNITION OF MEXICO IS THOUGHT NEAR

Court Decision on Article 27 Removes Last Obstacle.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. (Copyright, 1921.) (Special to The Argus.)

Washington, Sept. 3.—Mexico's chances of recognition are better today as a result of her supreme court's decision on the famous article 27 of the Mexican constitution. The United States had proposed that a treaty be signed by Mexico absolutely safeguarding American oil rights. President Obregon felt that to concede America's request would give the impression that he was yielding to foreign influence. Nevertheless the American government insisted that either article 27 was retroactive or it was not and that Mexico should say formally and irrevocably which was the case. America suggested a treaty because it would always be binding. Mexico, however, has found another way, namely, a supreme court decision.

Heretofore oil men have not had much faith in the decisions of Mexico's supreme court because of the frequent reversal of judgment. Now, however, the Mexicans claim their judiciary is independent. It no longer is appointed by the executive, but all the judges are elected by congress and only one-third is elected at one time, so the court maintains a certain independence of political changes. This method of election was provided under the new constitution and the decision just handed down is really the first of its kind. It will have an important bearing on the future, because if the supreme court does not reverse itself there will be much more faith in its integrity.

It is true that America asked that the oil question be adjusted in a treaty which had to be signed before recognition would be extended. The American government will not stand on technicalities. It is interested in the substance rather than the form. In effect, the contention of the United States that article 27 ought not to be retroactive has been absolutely upheld.

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'RICHEST COP' UNDER ARREST

James Vanatta and Six Others, Including Bank Vice President, Charged with "Ram Running."

Chicago, Sept. 3.—(United Press.)—James Vanatta, known as the richest member of Chicago's police force, and six others, including a vice president of a bank, were arrested today on federal charges in connection with the shipment of \$400,000 worth of whiskey for Cincinnati to Chicago.

Carl M. Behrens, vice president of the Lincoln Avenue Trust company, who is alleged to have put up \$50,000 to swing the deal, and Nathan J. Fox, head of a string of drug stores, were among those accused. Government officials claimed a "bribe fund" of \$10,000 was raised to "fix" federal officers in the alleged conspiracy.

The liquor was shipped from Cincinnati on a bonded permit, the government charged.

COLORADO HAS MINERS' STRIKE

Union President Asserts 3,695 Men Walk Out Following Announcement of Wage Cut.

Walsenburg, Colo., Sept. 3.—John McLennan, district president of the United Mine Workers of America, stated today that the shutdown of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company's mine in this district, following announcement by the company of wage reductions to take effect Sept. 1, was practically complete. The total number of Colorado Fuel & Iron company's miners now out, according to President McLennan, is 3,695.

Late Bulletins

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—The first heat of the 50th home run trophy race, scheduled for today when it was announced that Maple Leaf VII, challenger, had developed a broken gear box.

New York, Sept. 3.—(United Press.)—Senator Phipps of Colorado is critically ill here, following an operation for appendicitis, it was learned today.

U. S. REPLY TO LEAGUE SATISFIES

Note on Mandates Furnishes Basis for Further Parley.

Geneva, Sept. 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—The United States' reply to the associated powers on the subject of mandates was up for consideration by the council of the League of Nations at its session here this morning. The council found that the reply furnished satisfactory basis for continuation of negotiations, notwithstanding that the communication from the United States withheld permission for the mandate question to be settled by the forthcoming meeting of the assembly of the league.

The American note makes numerous suggestions for changes in terms, which appear to be acceptable to the powers and the league, but adds an interpretation of the relation of the United States to mandates which involves some difficulties.

Council Suspends Action.

Altogether, however, a favorable impression was created in league circles by the American note. The council decided that there was nothing further for it to do in the matter, since negotiations are going on directly between the various mandatories and Washington. The influence of the forthcoming conference on disarmament in Washington was strikingly shown during this morning's debate by the disarmament and amendment commissions of the League of Nations.

M. Nomblanc of France held that amendments to the covenant of the league should not be decided in the absence of representatives of the United States. He said the proper place to discuss modifications of the league was Washington, and that the members of the league should go there without having prejudiced their case by previous action.

Discuss Article 10.

Article 10 of the covenant was under discussion by the amendment commission. Arthur J. Balfour, of England, proposed that the article be referred to a commission of jurists for interpretation and the amendment commission decided to recommend this procedure to the assembly of the league, which will open on Monday.

The disarmament commission was much divided on the policy to be followed. The radical element, led by Signor Schanzer of Italy, pleaded for immediate application of measures of publicity, demanding that all the nations be asked to disclose their armaments and detail the number of rifles, cannon and other war equipment in their possession. H. A. L. Fisher of England, opposed this. Several members spoke in favor of slow action until the results of the Washington conference on the subject have been made known.

EDITOR FACES SCANDAL TRIAL

J. Harry Moore of Kansas City Charged With "Disseminating Immoral Newspaper."

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 3.—(United Press.)—J. Harry Moore will face trial here on Sept. 19 on charges of "feloniously and unlawfully publishing and disseminating a certain scandalous and immoral newspaper." He was being held here today in default of \$5,000 bond following arrest upon information filed by the county prosecutor. He pleaded not guilty.

J. E. Anderson, arrested at the same time, was released after making sworn denial that he had been connected with the paper since April. Moore was formerly editor of a weekly paper in Omaha which was declared to have been similar to the Kansas City publication.

MIGHTY RUTH REACHES HALF CENTURY MARK

New York, Sept. 3.—"Babe" Ruth knocked out his 50th home run today in the third inning of the Yankees' game with Washington, with two men on. Courtney was pitching.

RUSS CHILDREN MUST GET FOOD AT ONCE OR DIE

Relief Worker Cables Hoover 'Every Minute is Precious.'

BY JOHN GRAUDENZ. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Moscow, Sept. 3.—"Twenty-five per cent of the children in the famine region will die. For them relief comes too late."

Anna Haines, a Quaker who has been in the Russian famine region for over a year, and who has seen the terrible death roll mounting inexorably, today assured me that her statement above was not exaggerated.

"And what is more," she added, "if the food isn't here within two or three weeks, more than fifty per cent of the children will die." Miss Haines has rushed a cable to Herbert Hoover: "Speed up. Every minute is precious."

The Russians are maddeningly deliberate at times. "Sichas" (in a moment) they murmur constantly. But the American Relief workers are not wasting even that moment.

Several of the Americans left today for the heart of the famine country. They will go to the Samara country, passing through Kazan, and to Saratov and down the valley of the Volga to Novorossik. The hustling Americans have astonished the Russians here, and they have made a "hit" as well. They moved right into a palace, the Spiridonovskaja Ulica, which was used as the foreign office about 1918.

Here the gilded armatures are like the stage with high canopied walls. And what is much more important to the American—steam heat.

Writer Tells of Famine.

Before their departure, American relief workers sent for me and asked about conditions in the famine regions. I told them fully what I had seen.

I told them of the thousand refugees I saw camping on the crest of the hill near the banks of the River Volga. One straggler slid up to the landing and of how there were diving beneath poorly constructed shelters of twigs, and leaves and logs, the luckiest among them having tiny tents in which whole families huddled.

This miserable, half-famished horde had come from the distant villages of Samara, where hunger competed with disease for highest death toll. They were waiting for transportation to Siberia.

Women Can't Nurse Babies.

I was quickly surrounded by weeping women, babies in their arms which they could not suckle for want of nourishing food, groups of little children and old people, women. They all had "bread" with them—Russians in the famine zone carry what ever food they have as (Continued on last page.)

TWO CONVICTS ARE CAPTURED

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GOLF BALLS ARE CACHED IN TREE BY SQUIRRELS

Carleton Place, Ont., Sept. 3.—Golf enthusiasts on the local links who had observed that squirrels resident on the course were eyeing them in a peculiar manner, learned the reason today. Leslie Reynolds announced he had stalked one of the squirrels to a hollow tree and found a cache of 41 golf balls. Search of similar hiding places on the course revealed 500 more lost balls, he said.

CLASHES ARE REPORTED BUT SITUATION CALLED 'COMPARATIVELY QUIET'

LEADERS RACE TO TELL MINERS 'WAR IS OVER'

Union Heads Confident Men Will Lay Down Arms.

BY HAROLD D. JACOBS. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

With United States Troops in the Field by Telephone to Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 3.—Miners' leaders raced ahead of federal troops into the West Virginia zone today to tell their followers that "the war is over."

Both William Blizzard and Dick Toney, president and secretary of the miners in this sub-district, were confident that the miners would lay down their arms and go home with the arrival of the regulars.

Doughboys Are Cheered.

The battalion from Fort Thomas, Ky., made its entrance into the battle zone under cover of darkness. Cheering of miners, farmers and storekeepers marked the progress from St. Albans to Madison where the train was placed on a siding and the doughboys bivouaced. Half the men slept while the remainder stayed on guard duty. Early today the advance to the "firing line" was resumed.

Five hundred men of the nineteenth infantry under the command of Colonel Martin followed the Fort Thomas battalion and before noon military occupation of the entire battle zone was complete with the troops' bases at Madison, Clotier, Jersey, Sharples and Blair.

From these bases detachments will hike through the valleys and up the mountain side where the miners were stationed. If the miners have not already dispersed officials will advise them to lay down their arms. It was expected that this simple ritual would mark the end of the civil war.

'Helluva Fine Target.'

The first troops train into this district consisted of five coaches of soldiers with full equipment, a motor ambulance and machine guns. As a precaution three flat cars were attached ahead of the locomotive and were occupied by soldiers. Shortly after leaving St. Albans the lights were extinguished and the train rumbled and wheeled blindly through the narrow winding valleys.

"We'd be a helluva of a fine target, with these lights all burning," the doughboys explained. That this battalion is a crack outfit was attested by the fact that fully 75 per cent of the men are "non-coms."

They took delight in swapping banter with the residents of Madison and St. Albans as the population of these two towns flocked to the train to meet them.

Confirm Airplane Bombings.

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RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD RISE

Washington, Sept. 3.—Retail food prices in August showed increases over July prices in 14 principal cities, according to statistics made public today by the department of labor.

In Philadelphia prices increased 6 per cent; in Chicago, Washington, New Haven, Bridgeport and Providence, 5 per cent; Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield, Ill., and Birmingham, Ala., 3 per cent; Peoria, 2 per cent and in Salt Lake City, Denver and Little Rock, 1 per cent.

ABINGDON MAN GORED BY BULL

Galesburg, Ill., Sept. 3.—(United Press.)—Robert Sondhith, near Abingdon, was gored to death last night by a Jersey bull. Searchers also had a terrific fight with the enraged creature before it was subdued. The body of Sondhith was found badly mangled. His home was Stephansville, Va.

Advices Indicate 100 Miners Have Been Killed to Date.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 3.—(United Press.)—The United States army today formally took command in West Virginia.

Major General Bandholtz, following arrival of federal troops, issued an order assuming command of the "provisional brigade," United States (Charleston), announcing a staff and dividing Kanawha, Fayette, Boone, Logan and Mingo counties into three military districts. The order set forth that the counties "have been assigned by the order of the president to the control of the provisional brigade."

Logan, W. Va., Sept. 3.—(United Press.)—Boydell R. Sparkles, correspondent of the New York Tribune, was shot in the head and leg while making his way with other newspaper correspondents over the mountains from Blair to Logan today, according to Dr. H. D. Hatfield, former governor of West Virginia, who dressed his wounds. Dr. Hatfield said Mr. Sparkles' wounds were not serious. None of the others was injured.

Logan, W. Va., Sept. 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—Three companies of the 40th infantry, including a machine gun company, under Colonel Shettleworth, arrived here this afternoon from Camp Knox and after detouring moved to the east of Logan toward Spruce Fork Ridge, where deputy sheriffs, state police and volunteers have been facing armed bands.

Williams, W. Va., Sept. 3.—(United Press.)—A clash between miners and federal troops was reported to have occurred along the Coal River shortly after noon today.

Logan, W. Va., Sept. 3.—By Associated Press.)—The bodies of two men killed in the fighting on Blair mountain yesterday were brought here today. They were members of the attacking forces, the authorities said, but their identity was not disclosed.

Firing was resumed today a short time before noon by machine guns along Crooked creek. The defenders said they had been unable to locate it.

Logan, W. Va., Sept. 3.—(United Press.)—Funerals of 42 victims of the mine war have been held near Blair, Sheriff Chafin announced today after surveying reports of air scouts.

Ambulances arrived here shortly afterward with the bodies of two dead miners, recovered during the fighting which is in progress. Sheriff Chafin reported his advice indicated that more than 100 miners had been killed to date.

Number of Prisoners Unknown.

Fifty-five prisoners were released from the Logan county jail late yesterday afternoon to make room for captive miners, Chafin declared. He declined to announce the number of prisoners taken.

Authorities today denied that a number of bombs dropped from six government airplanes that arrived here from Langley field yesterday caused heavy fatalities among the miners, as was reported.

The bombs were said to have been made of iron pipe filled with high explosive. The airplanes were reported to have retired to their landing field near here after the air raid.

Logan, W. Va., Sept. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Colonel Eubanks, commanding the state and county forces in Logan county, announced at noon that the reports reaching (Continued on Page Eleven.)

BALD HEADS ARE FULL OF BRAINS, ASSERTS VOLIVA

Zion, Ill., Sept. 3.—A bald head is a sign of both character and brains. Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer of Zion, told the female portion of his audience at the regular weekly rally at Shiloh tabernacle, "You'll never see a bald-headed man in a lunatic asylum," he told them. "But, girls, have nothing to do with young men who go around without a hat," he advised. "When you see a young man going around the streets hatless you might as well put it down that that fellow's got rats in his hair. I won't let men work in any Zion institution who go around without hats."

"They're just as bad as the fellow with long hair. Whenever you see a man who goes long hair you can rest assured that there's something wrong. Whenever you let your hair grow, you're about ready for the insane asylum."